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Alabama

Selma, Ala. Times
February 4, 1934

Negro Farmers Will Hold Conference Here

The annual conference of negro farmers, 4-H club members and ministers to be held February 8 and 9 at Selma University will be featured by demonstrations and lecturers on problems of rural life, to be lead by outstanding leaders of the colored race. Dr. George Carver, noted scientist of Tuskegee Institute, will appear on the program on the final day of the conference.

Rural negro ministers have been invited to hold their conference simultaneous with the farmers' conference, as it is felt that this group has played an important part in the economic life of the farmer, and that they are able to understand the common problems of the people they are serving in a manner which will enable them to render great aid in formulating plans which will come before the conference for discussion.

Chattanooga, Tenn. News
Feb 2 1934

Negro Farmers Confer

Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Negro farmers from all over Northern Alabama are here today attending the annual North Alabama farmers' conference in the Agricultural and Mechanical Institute for Negroes.

The conference is being devoted largely to questions of a technical nature for farmers, ministers and school-teachers.

Greensboro, Ala., Watchman
February 15, 1934

NEGRO FARMERS CONFERENCE

Hale County Negro Farmers Conference held its annual session at the Hale County Training School Friday, February 8, with a record attendance. In spite of the rain more than two hundred farmers, teachers and preachers were present on the occasion. The topic for discussion was the New Deal. There was a very fine display of exhibits to bring out the idea of the New Deal. All types of farm products, farm animals, home craft and canned food of all types. Several addresses were the main features of the day: P J Brown County Agent, Annie P Ellis, Jeans Teacher, Dr J W Wiley, and V C Turner State 4H club from Tuskegee discussed the AAA, RFC and CWA and how they are affecting agriculture and domestic service. Several prizes were awarded by L C Johnson for the best display of exhibits.

Selma, Ala. Times
November 28, 1934

Negro Farmers Urged To Attend Gathering

All negro farmers of Dallas County are urged to attend a meeting to be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the Court House at which time the Bankhead bill and its provisions will be discussed preparatory to the referendum to be held on December 14, when farmers will vote whether or not to retain the control act in 1935.

J. Litt Edwards, president of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, C. A. McKinnon, Dallas County executive secretary for the Bankhead Bill, and John Blake, county farm agent, will speak before the negro farmers Friday morning.

Clanton, Ala., News
December 20, 1934

WHAT NEGROES ARE DOING

By Benjamin Anderson
Teacher of Vocational Agriculture
Chilton County Training School

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Farmers' Conference

The Negro Farmers' Conference held last Friday was one of the best, if not the best, ever held at the County Training School. The exhibits were many and varied. The stage in chapel was beautifully decorated with farm products on display. The Vocational Agricultural Department was filled with exhibits of poultry, corn, oats, hay, velvet beans, milk, butter, eggs, and other farm products selected with the utmost care. The Vocational Home Economics Department had in it a large display of the farm woman's work including cakes, canned fruits and vegetables, pickles, peppers, sauce and meats. There were also quilts, spreads, dresses, scarfs, and other useful things made by the farm woman in her own home. Prizes were given for the best exhibits.

The speakers of the day were Mr. Mr. Ben Brown, President; Mr. Worthey Hughes, County Demonstration Agent, who gave a few high points on the Rehabilitation project as it affects the Negro. Mr. Collock of the Booker Washington School on Wheels, who spoke at length on the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and Elder Mitchell, who gave the farmers a bit of advice and encouraged them to go on.

The conference for several good reasons was not as largely attended as in previous years, nevertheless it was none the worse because of it.

I wish to thank all persons who did their part in helping to put the program over.

These Thing Ought Not To Be

The expression is very frequently forthcoming, "What's going to become of our young men?" It is a problem that we created ourselves. In practically every home where there are boys and girls, there is a great tendency to make everything as convenient as possible for sister and forget brother. The very best room is set aside for sister and the old dark and dingy back room is left for brother. Likewise the best sheets, spreads and the like are given sister while brother takes the leavings. It is suggested to him that he is filthy at early childhood and that becomes his complex. Sister gets shoes and dresses according to the season of the year while brother gets only enough to pull through the winter.

When school opens in October sister starts the first day while brother stays at home harvesting the crop. He finally gets in school before Christmas. Anytime during the term when daddy doesn't feel like working (and that is quite often) he simply tells brother to lay his books aside for the day. When brother gets back to school he finds the lessons getting hard because he missed some days. The next day he persuades daddy to let him cut wood or drive to town for him. He gets by that hard assignment. At the end of the year he finds "Retained". The boy fails to realize that he or his parents are responsible for the situation. He places the blame on the poor teacher. Usually he says he is just as good as John Jones and if he can't go on to the next class he will 'quituate' and he does. Then brother is thrown loose in the community and with that gang everybody dislikes, but practically everybody is responsible for. In this gang may be found practically all types of individuals, thieves, liars, murderers, gamblers, drunkards and the like.

Gentlemen, let's check up on ourselves, our homes, our community. woman she ought to be that we forget woman she ought to be that we ofrget brother. Consequently, we fail to rear the type of companionship for our girls that we owe them. They are bound to seek associates and if they don't find good boys they are going to keep company with the bad ones.

Birmingham, Ala., Post
Dec 18 1934

Farmers Meet With Industrial Leaders

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Alabama's industrial and business leaders today get together with farmers of the State for a discussion of problems of mutual interest with a view to aiding the latter in finding markets.

From every section of the State leaders in various lines came for the one day pow-wow and get-together that started with a tour of the industrial district.

The conference was arranged by Dr. L. N. Duncan, representing the extension division of Alabama Polytechnic Institute and Ashton B. Collins, manager of Associated Industries of Alabama.

The visitors were taken through the district on a special train that visited all of the principal industrial plants. This trip occupied the forenoon and this afternoon the group will get down to a discussion of problems.

The afternoon session will be devoted principally to a discussion of marketing problems and means of providing closer cooperation and relation between the agricultural and industrial interests of the State, to give a better understanding of the problems of each.

Visiting farmers were guests of the Associated Industries of Alabama.

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Country Life Conference.

COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE AT HAMPTON INSTITUTE

Hampton Institute, Va., Dec. 9—Beginning yesterday, the second intercollegiate country life conference with Hampton Institute School of Agriculture as host, attacked some of the problems of "Human Values That Should Be Safeguarded in a Rural Recovery Program."

The conference had for its main speaker Dr. C. C. Taylor, regional director of the land policy section of the division of program planning, United States Department of Agriculture. Special delegations of students were present from Virginia State College, Petersburg; Virginia Union, Richmond; St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, and Valley Normal School, Maryland.

Introduced to a large audience in Ogden Hall by Director Fenn, Dr. Taylor reviewed the movements to and from the farm since the early settlement of the United States, and concluded that over against the exodus from agricultural life, there must be another serious movement back to the farm, if the interests of the middle class are to be conserved. He gave a careful outline of the New Deal policies as they relate to agriculture and held that the future program for agricultural develpoment will be what we want it to be.

Mr. H. A. Hunt, of the federal farm credit administration, was scheduled to make a report of the progress of work among Negro farmers this morning.

The conference closes tonight with an agricultural play —"Bootlegging Tobacco," by students of the School of Agriculture.

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Florida

Tallahassee Democrat

Negro Farmers Hold Meetings

How one Jefferson county negro family started out as "share-croppers" and by hard work and careful management have bought and paid for an 86-acre farm within the last few years was told at a meeting of farm workers in Monticello.

Several such meetings have been held in Leon and Jefferson counties. Negro families in about 25 communities attended. Alice Poole, Leon county negro home demonstration agent, called the meetings. The Tallahassee meeting was held last Saturday. They are under auspices of the negro farm home extension service.

The home demonstration agent said most of the rural negro families in the two counties lived comfortably at home the past year and helped others in their communities who were needy.

N. S. Seabrook of the Turnbull community in Jefferson county is the negro farmer who said he had paid for his land. He said his land payments were met by planting and raising vegetables on small plots in connection with farm crops. These vegetables were sold in Monticello. A total of $72.55 was earned from selling turnip greens, tomatoes, and okra, grown this year on one-half an acre.

This family was aided and instructed by the county agent. Seabrook's sons are attending Florida A. and M. college in Tallahassee.

At the Tallahassee meeting talks were heard by those who are conducting the campaign against screw worm. Helpful suggestions were made in home making. Miss Minnie M. Bush, director of social service for the FERA, and W. T. Moore, president of the Leon county welfare association talked to the negroes. Each explained in detail the functions of their respective offices and plans for helping those actually in need. Moore left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that the end of free "hand-outs" is approaching.

Jasper, Fla. News

November 9, 1934

Negro Activities In Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

The Farmers' Conference of Hamilton and Suwannee counties held in Jasper Saturday, Oct. 27, was considered by all who attended the meeting a great success.

There were more than two hundred adult farmers present aside from quite a number of house wives, school teachers and 4-H Club girls and boys, who listened very attentively to the following speakers: Hon. H. M. Tuten, Mayor of the City of Jasper; W. L. Bryan, president of the Live Oak Credit Association of this district, comprising five counties; Prof. R. R. Riley, local secretary of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., serving this district; Prof. A. P. Spencer, vice-director of Extension Service, University of Florida; Prof. A. A. Turner, local district agent F. A. & M. College, Tallahassee; the editor of The Jasper News, Ben M. Caldwell was also present.

Each of these speakers expressed their desire to see the negro farmers assume their share of the burden in effort to bring about better times by working out their salvation where they are rather than changing locations which is the practice of many of them in an effort to chase after the dollar and in numerous cases they fail to catch the dollar and as a result they find themselves in a predicament where they are forced to the relief rolls or in some bread line.

In this they were urged to cooperate a hundred percent with the various departments of state and federal government in order that the great fight to bring about better times may be accomplished in the very shortest time possible.

Those who really need to borrow money to improve their farm or finance their farming operations or to buy seed and fertilizer, pay balance due on farm mortgage or farm mule, were told just how this can be done.

The speakers also gave some valuable information regarding the prospects for the 1935 program, contracts, etc., as visualized by the Agricultural Division of the State of Florida.

N. H. BENNETT,
Local Farm Agent,
Hamilton and Suwannee counties

A RESOLUTION

Submitted by the Local Farmers' Cooperative Association of Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

WHEREAS, the Local Farmers' Cooperative Association of Hamilton and Suwannee Counties has been and is working in harmony with the plans of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and,

WHEREAS, much good has been done towards adjusting the very grave conditions of agriculture amongst the farmers in this vicinity and,

WHEREAS, the future is bright with continued progress as a direct result of this sane and sound policy that is being carried on by said administration and,

WHEREAS, we believe in the lofty ideals of the gentlemen into whose hands this work has been committed and,

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Local Farmers' that it is to their best interest to follow the directions of those who out of their discretion seek to adjust agriculture so as to raise the standard of industrial farming,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Negro Farmers of Hamilton and Suwannee counties do hereby pledge allegience to the entire program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and to those who foster its cause, now and hereafter,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Local Farmers' Cooperative Association will act in accord with the Local Farm and District Agents to put into practice all plans committed to them by said administration so that the very best results possible may be obtained at all times and all places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be released to the county and also state papers.

SIGNED: L. J. PETTERSON,
President Hamilton County Local Farmers' Cooperative Association.
R. A. TRACEY, Secretary.
A. L. IVEY, President
Suwannee County Local Farmers' Cooperative Association.
Mrs. Rosa Walker, Secretary.

Mrs. H. Wilkes leaves Saturday to join her husband, who has recently located in Eustis.

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Georgia

Americus, Ga., Recorder
January 16, 1934

NEGRO FARMERS JOIN CAMPAIGN

375 Attend Meeting Last Night

Three hundred and seventy five negro farmers representing the renters and land owners of Sumter county met Monday in Big Bethel Baptist church at Americus for the purpose of receiving instructions, relative to their 1934 farming program, under the supervision of E. Stallworth, negro county agent and Thelma Banks, home demonstration agent of Sumter county.

One of the main features of the meeting was the cotton acreage reduction campaign for this year. J. K. Luck, county agent in a very effective manner, explained the various details of the cotton acreage reduction contract offered to farmers by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Negro farmers attending this meeting unanimously agreed to join the acreage reduction campaign and were furnished contract blanks. These farmers were instructed to secure the records relative to the production of cotton on the land they will attend this year, and with this information confer with local committees which have been appointed to assist farmers in getting their contracts in proper shape. Other speakers at this meeting were Prof. P. H Stone, state agent of the negro department of agricultural extension work in Georgia and Camilla Weems, assistant state agent of this department. Both of these state workers gave interesting addresses on the general outlook for 1934, and how the food production program should co-ordinate with the cotton agreage reduction.

E. L. Bridges, county school superintendent of education made a very interesting address during the meeting, with a special appeal to farmers to send their children regularly to rural schools. He also urged the negro farmers to continue their support of the adult schools for farmers which are being conducted in several communities of Sumter county.

Crawfordville, Ga., Democrat
February 2, 1934

NEGRO FARMERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

Saturday morning at eleven thirty o'clock over two hundred negro farmers of Taliaferro county turned aside from their day chores and gathered at the courthouse to attend what proved to be the most important colored farmers' meeting held in this county in recent years. At this meeting these farmers were given the latest information on: The Farm Outlook for 1934; A Live-at-Home Program for Taliaferro county; Replacement Crops for land Taken out of Cotton Production, and 4-H Club Work for 1934.

The speakers on the program included P. H. Stone, State Agent for Negro Extension Work, with headquarters at the Georgia State Industrial College; Alexander Hurse, Negro State Club Agent; Rev. N. T. Thompson, Atlanta, Ga.; Clifford Tapley, local Negro Farm Agent, and Miles Hackney, county chairman of the extension work among farmers of Taliaferro county.

C. L. TAPLEY, Agent.

Sparta, Ga., Ishmaelite
February 1, 1934

OVER SIX HUNDRED NEGRO FARMERS ATTEND MEET

Friday morning at eleven fifteen o'clock over six hundred Negro farmers of Hancock county gathered at Macedonia Baptist Church in their annual farmers' conference. The conference was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. Ealy, pastor of St. Mark A. M. E. Church. This meeting was called by Clifford Tapley, local Negro Farm Agent and was one of the largest and most successful meetings held here for Negro farmers.

Program Varied

The program at this meeting included the following topics: Outlook for 1934; Live-at-Home Program for Hancock County; Giving the Farm Boy and Girl a Chance; and Replacement Crops for Land Taken out of Cotton Production.

Professor Alexander Hurse, Negro State Club Agent, in discussing the Outlook for 1934, made this statement: "This year will prove a fair year for those of us who have more to sell than we have to buy." Professor Hurse quoted figures from the United States Census of 1920 and 1930 which showed a decided decrease in farms owned and operated by Negro farmers. He asked the farmers to give their boys and girls a chance to go to school and to take and active part in the business end of the farm. "If a boy wants to raise a pig, sell him the pig, have him keep a record of the transaction and the cost of raising the pig. When the pig is ready to butcher, let the boy pay you and give him the balance. Let's teach our boys and girls ownership by letting them really own something for this will encourage a keener interest in country life.

Local Agent Tapley urged farmers to get closer to the live-at-home program. He also emphasized the fact that there must be a large amount of fall plowing. There must be bigger wood piles on the farms in the county at this season of the year and a planning of our year's program in order that enough food and feed crops may be produced for the families and livestock on our farms.

Negro Farmers Back Roosevelt Plans

Soon after County Agent Leo Mercier began his discussion on Replacement Crops for Land Taken out of Cotton Production, he asked this question: "How many of you present have agreed to cut your acreage this year? Please stand." At this point it was brought out that 95 per cent. of the farmers present had already signed the contracts to reduce their cotton acreage. Several made short remarks that they were willing to go through with the whole program for the adjustment of agriculture in the south. County Agent Mercier encouraged farmers that where the land was poor, plant it to soil-building crops. Where more food and feed crops are needed for home consumption, these rented acres may be used for this purpose. He also stated that in some cases the land may be seeded for pastures or allowed to reforest itself.

This meeting was undoubtedly the most successful one ever held in the county according to comments made by those present.

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Constitution
2-14-34

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Middle Ga, Farmers Meet

More Than 250 at Macon Gathering

FROM 32 COUNTIES

Dr. Hunt and Profs. Stone and Tabor Speak

Macon, Ga., Feb. 16—Two hundred and seventy-eight leading Negro farmers from 32 middle and southwest Georgia counties answered the call of Dr. J. W. Holly, president of Georgia Normal College, Albany, and assembled at the Pythian Temple here last Friday, February 16. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with these farm leaders the working of the Farm Credit Administration and to suggest ways and means of adjusting their individual and community farm problems to meet changing conditions.

From the opening prayer to the benediction sustained interest was shown in the advice and suggestions offered by the persons appearing on the program. Dr. J. W. Holly, promoter of the conference, told the group of the need for definite individual and community planning to meet the present economic conditions. Among other things he said, "The problems of farm management and farm adjustment together with the problem of marketing of farm products command the attention of every Negro farmer. We must adjust our individual and community farm program to meet national and international needs." This idea was kept before the audiences as Dr. Holly presented the various speakers.

P. H. Stone, state agent for Negro Work, explained how the new dollar would bring higher prices and the things he bought. He said along with rising prices there is often a feeling of prosperity. "We should profit by our past errors of spending too freely when our incomes increase. Beware of bargains. Nothing is a bargain unless you need it and it will improve your income or improve your homes," said the speaker.

Alva Tabor, supervisor of Agricultural Education in Negro Schools, told his hearers that his experience has convinced him beyond question that individual and group planning is necessary for Negro farmers and for others. "The right type of farm life," said Mr. Tabor, requires higher type of thinking on the part of farmers. While the farmer may feel discouraged by his condition farming is the safest business in America today. The chances to get rich are scarce; the chances to make a comfortable living are plentiful."

Dr. H. A. Hunt, assistant to the governor of the Farm Credit Administration in charge of Negro affairs, told the farm leaders of the purpose of the Farm Credit Administration and how it operates. In his opening remarks, he urged the farm leaders there to help ignorant and illiterate Negro farmers to understand and interpret federal legislation. He cited many cases from an article, "Tightening the Cotton Belt," in the February issue of Harper's magazine to show how ignorant white and Negro tenants were being robbed of federal aid through crop reduction contracts. Intelligence said Dr. Hunt, is necessary for a square deal even in the New Deal.

Mr. Hunt then discussed the long-time and short-time credit features of the Farm Credit Administration and showed how low interest rates and making each farmer in an association liable for his own debt were important advantages. "Character, said Mr. Hunt, is an important factor in securing federal farm credit. In addition to physical collateral, habits of thrift, honesty and good reputation in the community play an important part in appraising property for a loan.

Honarable George Foster Peabody, outstanding philanthropist and a close friend of President Roosevelt visited the conference and was warmly received. Mr. Peabody told the farmers of recent changes; urged them to be patient because President Roosevelt and the administration will do all they can to help the underprivileged including the farmer. Some people may be hurt in the shuffle, but we will all benefit in the end. Other persons presented to the conference ere Messrs Donald Mitchell, star reporter of the Macon Telegraph; Walter Chivers, professor of sociology, Atlanta University; Sam Hubbard, graduate student, Atlanta University; Dr. W. D. Boddie, president of the Fraternity Realty Corporation; Rev. J. H. Gadson, president of Central City College; Dr. W. W. Hubbard, president of State Teachers' College, Forsyth; H. S. Bynes, editor of the Sunday School Worker; Rev. T. J. Davis, F. S. Ray, Mrs. Minnie Singleton, editor, Negro section of the Macon Daily Telegraph, and James Baker, dairy farmer of Putnam county.

During the conference, a resolution was passed which suggested that the idea of Chancellorsville, the subsistence farm community supported by the Regents of the University of Georgia, be carried to other communities in order that many may benefit a large group of farmers in Georgia who cannot meet the requirements set up by the administration. A committee composed of Dr. W. F. Boddie, Forsyth; Sam Brown, Moultrie, and Charles Pinkston, Sparta, was authorized to present a resolution to the Board of Regents to this effect.

Another resolution was passed expressing thanks to the writer (Thomas N. Roberts) for the excellent and complete minutes of the conference. A fund was raised and a duplication committee composed of S. H. Lee, P. H. Stone, Alva Tabor and T. N. Roberts was authorized to publish and distribute the minutes as read.

County agents and teachers of Vocational Agriculture attending the conference with their farmers were Agents C. L. Tapley, S. H. Lee, C. O. Brown, T. W. Brown, L. Cooper, O. S. O'Neal, W. R. King, Mrs. Margaret Toomer, and Mrs. T. W. Brown; teachers of agriculture, R. R. Kennon, L. D. Law, Emery Thomas, J. O. Williams, G. T. Merritt, Reginald Wilson, George W. Drake, J. G. Lamp and Stanley Marshall and C. A. Walker.

By and large the farmers were inspired and encouraged by the results of the meeting. They represented the most progressive Negro farmers in that section.

FARMERS CONFERENCE IN EARLY COUNTY

Blakely, Ga., Feb. 13—More than 200 farm men and women grasped the opportunity to attend the Annual Farmers Conference in Early county. The conference was held at the County Training School under the direction of Prof. F. J. Davenport, vocational agriculture instructor and principal.

At 12 o'clock sharp dinner was served the guests by the home economics department. The session immediately followed. Dr. J. W. Holly of Ga. Normal College in Albany, gave a timely discussion on "Farm Cooperation and Organization." J. E. Leger, principal of the city school in Damascus, addressed the body on "Farming Under the New Deal." The program also included short talks on "Care of Livestock," by W. P. King, farm demonstration agent, Dougherty county.

Students in the agricultural department reported on various projects studied. Jack Crawford reported on "Three Types of Farm" Isaiah Glenn reported on a poultry project. Remarks were given by Mrs. I. F. King of Albany, Mr. Mullanae of Damascus, and J. H. Stanton, sr. of Blakely. Music for the occasion was furnished by the glee club.

afforded much encouragement and inspiration to the colored farm population of the county.

The program was featured by addresses by a number of educational and agricultural leaders, both white and colored, on the general theme of "Successful and Pleasant Living on and Operation of the Farm," and an exhibition of farm products and hand-made articles produced by the colored 4-H club members. Prizes for skillful craftsmanship were given to Mary Wilson, Ruby Farmer, Willie Belle Reese, Artie Mae Barber, Corine Wilkerson and Della Mae Robinson. Dinner was served in the home economics department dining room, and music was furnished by choruses from the various county colored schools. At a conference rally a fund of $59.04 was raised.

Great appreciation was expressed for the co-operation of the white people with the colored conference work, and especially for the contribution of cloth to the 4-H club girls for making the dresses shown in "The Dress Parade," the firms donating this material being Griffin's, Moore & Clein, Fisher's, The Hub, T. H. Merrell Co., Powell's and Robinson & Walker.

Carrollton, Ga., Free Press
February 22, 1934

Many Negroes Attend Farmers' Conference

Tammy Thomas, colored home demonstration agent, reports that the 1934 Negro Farmers' conference of Carroll county, held in the auditorium of the negro school building in Carrollton last Saturday, was largely attended and

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Ft. Valley, Ga., Leader-Tribune
February 22, 1934

NEGRO FARMERS IN BIG MASS MEETING

Six hundred Negro farmers, farm wives, and educators will gather at the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial school Thursday and Friday, March 1st and 2nd, to tell of the progress and results in carrying out the live at home program, and how they worked, co-operated and thus made the farm, home, school and the church better place. taSHRDD better places to live, serve, study and worship.

Three hundred club boys and girls from twenty communities will meet and report on what they have done and earned in 4-H club work during the past year, better fitting them for life's work.

Among the leading state and nationa educators who are expected to be present will be Prof. and Mrs. H. A. Hunt, Washington, D. C., Dr. J. A. Evans, senior retired director extension department, Washington, D. C., Dr. J. Phil Campbell in charge of the cotton replacement, Washington, D. C., T. M. Campbell, field agent Negro work, Tuskegee, A. L. Stephens, former Jeans supervisor of Peach, and Houston counties, Detroit, P. H. Stone, state agent, Negro work, and Camilla Weems, assistant state agent in charge of women's work, Alex Hurse ,state club agent, Savannah, Alva Tabor, state supervisor Smith-Hughes work, and others.

Interesting events will be a pageant, the 18th ham and poultry show, display of canned meats, fruits and vegetables; and a dinner for the farmers, farm wives, 4-H club members, visitors and educators.

Sandersville, Ga., Progress
March 8, 1934

Negro Farmers to Hold Conference

The Negro farmers of Washington county will hold their annual farmers conference at St. Paul A. M. E. church in Sandersville, at 10 o'clock Friday morning, March 9th. All Negro leaders and the public are invited to attend this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to form a county wide organization with committees in every community to grow the needed food and feed supplies. The Negro group is the back bone of the agricultural development in the south but as a people they do not grow enough feed stuff to amply take care of their families and their livestock.

Bishop W. A. Fountain of the 17th Episcopal District of the A. M. E. church, Atlanta, will deliver the principal address.

THOS. W. BROWN,
Negro Agricultural Agent

Linesville, Ga., Liberty Herald
March 8, 1934

WITH THE COLORED PEOPLE FARMERS AND HOME MAKERS CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The Annual Farmers and home makers Conference held at our county 4-H club house, Camp Ralstonia, on Thursday, Feb. 15th, was largely attended with representatives from every section of the county.

The program for the year was discussed and every helpful plan was put forth to help make the program more workable thruout the entire county.

The group consisted of leaders from both local and county organizations, thereby making it very easy to get over the much needed information.

Goals were set up not only for local women's clubs, but for individuals. Each woman checked the projects that she expects to carry out this year.

Mr. P. H. Stone and Miss A. L. Weems, State Extension workers were present and outlined the program, stressing the possibilities that might be achieved thru united efforts or cooperation.

Mr. Gordan, asst. president of the Georgia State College, Savannah, gave a very interesting talk on Negro History. Supt. H. A. Bacon, Superintendent of Schools for the county gave a very interesting lecture on cooperation of both schools and extension program. This lecture created much interest which caused immediate response from farmers and ministers. They assured the speaker that he may expect the cooperation from farmers and churches in completing and beautification of the club house.

Mr. E. Z. Phillips was very helpful in assisting Mr. J. C. Ralston in outlining the farm program.

The following ministers were present and took part in the program: Rev. G. W. Hannah, Rev. U H. Morrison, Rev. H. W. Segar, and Rev. Brown.

A delicious barbecue and hot coffee were served to nearly three hundred people.

M. L. Ralston, H. D. A.

Macon, Ga. News
February 16, 1934

NEGRO FARMERS OF GEORGIA MEET

Two Hundred Leaders Are Told of Program of National Administration

Two hundred leading Negro farmers of the state assembled at the Pythian Temple on Cotton avenue this morning to hear leaders in the agricultural work of the state advise them regarding the prospects for the present year.

One of the chief speakers on the program was Prof. H. A. Hunt, of the Farm Credit Administration of Washington, formerly principal of the Fort Valley High and Industrial School, who told of the government facilities for making loans to Negroes.

Help for Needy

"The present administration," the speaker said, "is definitely committed to a policy of helping those who need it most. There may be mistakes in some of the things that have been attempted but the Farm Credit Administration has been formed to meet the needs of farming. Notice I said the needs not the wants. There is a vast difference.

"When I come to the problem to helping many people I find that I am hampered by what that person has not done for himself. I make no plea for luxuries or non-essentials but I do expect a man to make a decent living for himself and his family. Sometimes it may mean the giving up of other things as too much drink. Many share croppers are being cheated becausce they do not know how to protect themselves. It is the same sort of thing that a tenant will do when he gives away what is rightfully his by saying to the purchaser of his cotton at 11 and three-sixteenths cents a pound, 'keep the three-sixteenth, I don't want to be bothered with it.'

"Of course these things do not apply to those of you who are here as much as to those who are not here. It is up to you to see that the word gets back in your section where it will do good."

Loan Facilities

Professor Hunt told of the three facilities for obtaining loans, the Land Banks for long time loans, the Seed loan for short time needs, and the Production Credit association for general farm loans with membership and stock ownership by the borrowers.

Dr. J. W. Holley, Albany, in opening the meeting stressed the value of mutual benefit from organized buying and group activity to benefit the entire race. He said he felt that the CWA would have done better to have started on the farm so as to provide a place where people out of work could be sustained rather than being without anything when the work stopped.

Alva Tabor, teacher of vocational agriculture and director of that work in Georgia among the Negroes also spoke of the benefit of co-operative action.

"The means of saving the rural life must be through the development of the average farmer," he said, "which can be done through his ability to co-operate with other farmers. Any farmer who will apply himself has a chance to make a living on his farm. That farmer will succeed who works with the idea of growing on the farm rather than the one who has an idea of getting rich on the farm."

Caution in Spending

P. H. Stone, state agent of Negro work, saw improvement in the present situation but cautioned against spending too freely as was the case a few years ago. He cited examples of poor bargains being those purchases of things that were not needed though they might be inexpensive.

W. M. Baker, a farmer of Putnam county, related his experience in dairying, saying that he found he had to work every day in the year to get results. He built a 50-foot trench silo from which he fed 23 cows, starting in November, and still has enough silage to last until April.

Among the farmers present were those from Burke county, Washington, Daugherty, Terrell, Baldwin, Peach, Hancock, Taliferro, Laurens, Wilkinson, Henry and Bibb.

Among the agents present were: R. Keenan, L. D. Laws, Hancock county; Emory Thomas, Toomsboro; J. O. Williams, Fort Valley; T. N. Roberts, S. H. Lee, Bibb; Rev J. H. Gadson, Central City college P. W. Brown, Washington

Barnesville, Ga., News-Gazette
February 23, 1934

WHAT OUR COLORED FARMERS ARE DOING

By S. H. Lee
Agricultural Agent

Over 200 Negro farmers from 27 middle and southwest Georgia counties, including Lamar, Monroe and Bibb were present at a State wide farmers meeting in Macon, Friday February 16. Dr. J. W. Holly, president, Georgia Normal and Agricultural College, Albany, presided over the meeting which was attended by representatives from the Georgia State Industrial College, Savannah, S. T. & A College, Forsyth, the Fort Valley Industrial and Normal school, and Morehouse College, Atlanta.

Mr. George Foster Peabody, philanthropist, of New York, was an unexpected visitor and speaker on the program. He urged those attending the meeting to do their uttermost to cooperate with the Government by following the instructions of the leaders at the conference. Mr. Peabody is a trustee both of the Fort Vally school and the Springs Foundation. He has also served possibly 25 years on the trustees boards of Tuskegee and Hampton Institutes. It was cheering to hear him announce his building a winter cottage at Warm Springs.

Prof. H. A. Hunt, who was recently called from the principalship of Fort Valley to act as advisor for Negro with the Farm Credit Administration, was the principal speaker on program. He explained quite clearly to his hearers the three principal functions of FCA, long time loans for from 15 to 35 years, short time loans and crop production loans.

Pres. W. W. Hubbard strongly urged the farmers not to borrow any money from the Government, nor any one else unless they actually needed it. "For to owe a debt", said he, "and not be able to pay when it falls due is simply h—— on earth". Other speakers roundly endorsed this stand.

P. H. Stone, state agent for Negro Extention Work in Georgia, and Alva

Tabor heading up the colored work in Smith-Huhges teaching of vocational agriculture both made valuable contributions to the conference. More than twenty farm agents and Smith-Hughes teachers, each bringing from two to more than a dozen farmers from his county or counties, were largely responsible for the success of the meeting.

Dr. Boddie Heads Committee

The body passed resolutions commending the State and Government officials on the Chancellorsville project, but at the same time memorializing those in authority to place units of the project in different sections of the state, so as to become more accessible to a large number of needy farmers. The committee consists of Dr. W. F. Boddie, Monroe county, chairman; Charles Pinkston, farmer, Hancock; Sam Brown, farmer, Colquit county.

Local arrangements for the meeting were handled by S. H. Lee, local farm agent.

W. M. Baker, a negro farmer of Putnam county, told how he took his boys, a two-horse plow and a railroad slip and dug a trench silo diagonally on a hillside of his farm. The silo he said, was about 52 feet long, 8 feet wide at the top about six feet at the bottom, beginning and ending at feather edge, averaging 7 feet deep. Then he took his feed cutter and tractor and put enough green corn and sorghum in it to last his 23 dairy cows from November to the last of April. After filling his silo he covered it over first with wheat straw and then with six inches or more of dirt. The silage, he said, is of most excellent quality.

George Bush and Warren Bush represented Lamar county.

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Kansas.

FARMERS OF KANSAS WILL MEET FRIDAY

Call

Annual Conference to Be Held on K.V.S. Campus In Topeka

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TOPEKA. — The annual Farmers conference and meeting of the Kansas Sunflower association will be held at the Kansas Vocational school here Friday, October 26.

Meetings will be held morning, afternoon and evening. The morning program will open at 9 o'clock. Clement Richardson principal of K. V. S., will present the gavel to President Frank Lee of Douglas county. William Foster and Mrs. Frank Vance will bring greetings from Shawnee county.

Jesse W. Bryant of Oskaloosa county will speak on "Making a Living on the Farm" and Mrs. Harry T. Forbes, Shawnee county unior Red Cross chairman, will speak on "Organizing a Junior Red Cross." The subject of A J. Scoth will be "4-H Clubs in Kansas." Robert Plum of Jackson county will also make an address.

At the luncheon from 12:30 to 1:30 speakers will be W. A. Atchinson of the state department of agriculture; Mrs. T. P. Martin of Topeka. Election of officers will be held at this time.

The afternoon program from 2.30 to 4 o'clock will be divided into two sections, one for men and one for women. Mrs. Dorsey, R. N., and Dr. W. B. Scott will lecture and demonstrate first aid to the women's group. Harley M. Hunter will lecture to the men on "Soil and Seed Testing and Plant Disease."

Walter E. Gray Sr. will deliver the principal address at the evening program beginning at 7 o'clock. Greetings from the governor will be brought by Willard Mayberry.

A welcome address will be made by Everett Lewis, student at K. V. S. Miss Althea McBier of Topeka will give a reading.

Musical numbers will be provided by the K. V. S. mixed quartet, the K. V. S. band, the Ninth Street Baptist choir from Lawrence and Mrs. Oletha Kerford of Atchison.

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National Federation of Colored Farmers.

Heads of Colored Farm Organization Meet

President James P. Davis Submits National Federation of Colored Farmers' Plan of Operation For 1934

Chicago, Ill.—(Special)—With full details of an operation plan for the National Federation of Colored Farmers for 1934, President James P. Davis, who heads up the organization, declared here this week, after a meeting and conference with the leaders, that the over nine hundred thousand colored farmers must look to themselves as well as to the government's aid to lift all of them out of the present chaotic condition.

"The agriculture department, the A. A. A. and the President of the United States himself cannot do for us what we should do for ourselves," he declared in a message during the time that they were in conference. He has just returned from an extended trip down in Arkansas, West Tennessee and parts of Kentucky.

In the report of the officers it was noticed that no change had been made. Mr. Davis was re-elected president, Mr. Leon Harris re-elected editor of he Modern Farmer, Henry A. Boyd was retained and re-elected publishers of the national organ of the Association, known as The Modern Farmer, and it was agreed that it should be continued in Nashville, Tenn. The Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company of Nashville, Tenn., was redesignated as depository for the organization, and Miss S. B. Wilson of Nashville was reclaimed as treasurer of the National Federation of Colored Farmers. The board of directors was retained in full, and it was planned that the next annual convention should be held at a place and at a time convenient to all the farmers.

The places that are already making a bid for the convention are Little Rock, Ark., Shreveport, La., Atlanta, Savannah, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla. It was not intimated however, just where the next national convention would be held, as the president felt that this should be left entirely with the board of directors, and that the cities should make their invitations in writing, backed up by certain guarantee on convention expenses.

Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appeal
April 28, 1934

REMOVAL IS ORDERED

Negro Accused of Impersonating Federal Officer

A Memphis negro's fight to escape removal to Mississippi to face charges of impersonating a government officer lost again in federal court yesterday when Judge Anderson ordered his removal. He was released on $2,500 bond pending an appeal.

The negro, Charles Stone, founder and president of the Colored Farmers' Association which is qualified to operate in both Tennessee and Mississippi, was arrested here last month on a fugitive warrant from Mississippi. He was ordered removed by Commissioner Brenner and the hearing yesterday was on appeal from the commissioner's ruling.

Stone is charged with soliciting membership in the association, allegedly on the promise of securing government loans at the rate of 100 to one on each dollar invested in the association.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED FARMERS ATTEND NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETING

James P. Davis Elected President, Leon Harris, Secretary and Miss S. B. Wilson Treasurer at Resultful Session in Charleston, Missouri.

Charleston, Mo.—(Special)—After deliberating here for three days the 1934 session of the National Federation of Colored Farmers closed its meeting. Fifteen hundred farmers from many states were present during the three days' deliberations. All the officers made their annual reports and were re-elected without opposition and rather by acclamation.

The big high school auditorium was inadequate even during the morning session to accommodate the messengers who were early in their seats to take advantage of the great demonstrations, instructio and addresses brought to them by many national visitors. Representatives from the Department of Agriculture, from the Farm Land Banks, from the Live Stock Banks, the Federal Loan Department, the Agricultural colleges and representatives of states sent here by the various governors were all given place on the program.

The exhibits from manufacturers were one of the best that had been seen for years. The display in home economics, plain sewing, in fruit canning, preserving, and in farm products that occupied seven rooms in the high school, claim the attention not only of the farmers themselves but the hundreds visitors who took advantage of t occasion to look in on these d plays and exhibits. His Honor, t Mayor, brought a message in pe son to assure the farmers that th were welcomed to Charleston a the state of Missouri. Invitatio poured in from various cities inv ing them to meet within their bo ders in 1935, but the concensus opinion was that Little Rock wou be chosen.

The guest speaker of the occasi and the national guest of the far ers who brought the message Friday evening t a capacity au ence was Rev. Henry Allen Boyd Nashville, one of the promoters the organization, and who has pu lished for the farmers a magazi for the past seven years. On h arrival here a reception committ greeted him at the station and a signed him as house guest of Pr E. W. Emory, the principal of t high school, and his wife

Noted Leaders Speak At National Confab of Farmers

September 11-17-34 Chicago, Ill.

Report Shows Increase In Number of Farms and Homes Bought

CHARLESTON, Mo., Nov. 16.—This little town in southeastern Missouri, the center of a Race farm population of approximately twenty-five thousand, has been host to one of the largest conventions ever held, certainly the largest that ever met in a farm community.

More than a thousand delegates and visitors attended the annual convention of the National Federation of Colored Farmers, Inc., from 16 states.

The sessions were held at Lincoln high school—the grounds of which accommodated hundreds of automobiles and even wagons and buggies. Prof. L. B. Boler, general manager of Lincoln unit, Charleston, and general chairman of the convention committee, called the meeting to order. Invocation was offered by the Rev. B. W. Byran, Mound Bayou, Miss. E. E. Oliver, mayor, welcomed the visitors to the city and Prof. E. W. Emery, principal of Lincoln high school, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of Race citizens.

Some of the most noted agricultural leaders of the nation were present and addressed the convention. These included Dr. H. A. Hunt, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.; J. T. Johnson, director of Agriculture of the Missouri Pacific R. R.; Henry Allen Boyd, banker and business leader of Nashville, Tenn.; Prof. N. C. Bruce, Prof. C. A. Kitch and H. M. Tolbert, of Missouri; H. R. Drew and other representatives commissioned by governors of various states.

One of the important features of the meeting were three-minute talks given by delegates relative to the trials and difficulties experienced by sharecroppers and farmers in numerous localities and efforts being made to meet these troubles. The effect of the New Deal on the situation and prospects of Race farmers was also discussed.

Reports by national officers stated that units of the organization are buying home and farm supplies cooperatively and that this practice is saving members 30 per cent of the cost of supplies. Members are also purchasing farms in numerous localities. A cooperative production program, which will lead to an increase in cooperative marketing, was outlined for next year.

Resolutions adopted by the convention urged support of the national government in its efforts to assist farmers; condemned the sharecropping system of farming in southern cotton, tobacco and peanut belts; requested repeal or important revision of the Bankhead Act; urged units to continue the practice of cooperative purchasing, production and marketing; protested the actions of many large planters who refuse to give sharecroppers and tenants legal written contracts or settlement statements; advocated that the federal government establish at least one model Race farm community in each southern and border state.

The resolutions expressed gratitude to those responsible for the appointment of Henry A. Hunt and other able Race leaders to government positions; requested the AAA to appoint county committees composed of two Race farm owners and three sharecroppers or tenant farmers in each county having an appreciable Race farm population to cooperate with AAA county committees, boards, bureaus, local credit corporations and other bodies, that Race farmers may have direct representation; advocated appointment of Race extension agents and home demonstration agents in every county having an appreciable Race farm population; requested increased appropriations for our agricultural institutions; requested that every effort be made by the government to widen land ownership by Race farmers; advocated observance of Farmers' Sunday in all farm communities.

National officers for the ensuing year are James P. Davis, president; Major R. L. Byrd, vice president; Leon R. Harris, secretary; S. B. Wilson, treasurer, and C. R. Richardson, chairman of the board of directors.

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North Carolina

Henderson, N. C. Dispatch
Janaury 2, 1934

Local Negroes At Agriculture Meet Held In Raleigh

The third annual 3 4 corn contest in North Carolina among Negro students of vocational agriculture came to a close on Monday, January 1, with an excellent anquet and conference at St. Augustine's College, in Raleigh.

Over 100 farm boys and men and teachers of vocational agriculture from 30 Negro departments of the state gathered for this third annual event.

The Henderson chapter of New Farmers of America was represented by O. T. Robinson, F. A. Williams, Charlie Sneed, a Vance county farmer and his son Isaiah Sneed, a pupil of vocational agriculture and the leader in corn production among Negro students in the county, having produced 77.7 bushels of corn on an acre. This record gave him third place in the State contest.

The three ranking corn producers as announced by Prof. S. B. Simmons agricultural supervisor were: First place; John Spaulding, Columbus county with a yield of 88.4 bushels, second place; James Dunson, Warren county, 80.4 bushels, and Isaiah Sneed Vance county, 77.7 bushels. Prizes will be awarded by the Cilean Nitrate of Sowa Company.

An interesting program was held during the banquet with Prof. C. E. Dean, state advisor and professor of rural education at A. and T. College, Greensboro, acting as toastmaster. The principal speakers were Prof. Roy H. Thomas, supervisor of vocational education, Prof. Shay, State College, head of the corn-swine reduction campaign in N. C., Mr. Grey, representative of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Co., Prof. J. W. Mitchell, head of Negro Farm Agent Work in N. C., and Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina. Reported.

NEGRO FARMERS OF WAKE HAVE MEETING

About 400 Gather at Berry O'Kelly School; Hear Instructive Program

Approximately 400 colored farmers and farm women gathered yesterday at the Berry O'Kelly School at Method to attend the annual meeting of the Wake County Negro farmers

Raleigh, N. C., News & Observer
January 24, 1934

held each year by L. H. Roberts, Wake County local agent, and Bertha Maye Edwards, home agent.

During the morning session Charles A. Sheffield, assistant extension director at State College, explained the new cotton reduction program and answered questions relating to the contract and the benefit payments. Mr. Sheffield devoted much of his talk to the part played by the Negro land owner and tenant in the adjustment program.

F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor for the college, also spoke on the morning program, devoting his talk to some of the newer ideas in farming following the application of the adjustment program. How to use the land removed from the cultivation of cash crops to the best advantage of the grower and the soil was explained.

G. M. Garren, former cereal agronomist for the experiment station, gave a lecture on the production of corn and small grains, and John W. Mitchell, Negro district agent for the Extension Service, discussed the extension program in the state as it affects the colored farmer.

For the women, Dazelle Foster Lowe, Negro district home agent, discussed the home demonstration program relating to nutrition and food conservation during this period.

Local Agent L. H. Roberts presided at the meeting and stated that it was one of the most successful gatherings of its kind held in the county since his service as local agent began here several years ago.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. NEWS

FEB 2 1934

THE HOLDING IN N. C. OF INSTITUTES LIKE THIS IS WHAT EVENTUALLY WILL BE HER SALVATION.

Sirs:

Our fourth annual farmers' conference and banquet was declared by Prof. E. M. McDuffie, principal of the Laurinburg Normal and Industrial Institute, to have been by far the best we have as yet had although all of them have been good. The farmers came through the rain in large numbers and left happy over the day's program. You could hear everywhere among them "I am glad I came today. I have been well paid for my trip. This was the greatest meeting we have yet had; the conference gets better every year." These were expressions made by the farmers as they were leaving the grounds.

Our white guests who were served a sumptuous barbecue dinner in our home economic building and then came to the program of the colored farmers' banquet in the school dining hall seem to have been as much elated over the conference and banquet as the colored farmers Dr. Gardner, who accompanied Senator Blue and took dinner with him as did Mr. E. F. Murray, county welfare superintendent, Prof. Flemings, principal of the city high school (white) and Mr. Calliham, vocational agriculture teacher of white high school, said upon leaving he did not want to miss another one of these conferences. It was his first visit to the institution about which he had heard so much and he said he was greatly surprised and elated over what he saw. He had no idea such an institution had been established in Laurinburg for Negroes. He highly congratulated Prof. E. M. McDuffie, principal and founder.

Senator Blue made one of the finest speeches ever delivered at our confrence. We have been trying to get him for three years and we feel that we were more than paid for our three years efforts. His speech was full of good commonsense, rich in wise and sane advice and highly colored with that tribute of dignity and respect which the farmer deserves more than any other living man. He says the farmer is the back-bone of our whole economic structure and deserves the first and best of every thing. These are some of the great ideas he emphasized in the wonderful address he delivered in our school auditorium.

We now come to that pleasing, wholesome, instructive and inspiring address delivered by Mr. Calliham in the banquet hall. While he was entertaining, he did not fail to bring the farmers facts that were of great value during his address. Of the many fine points in his address we would like to emphasize, may we call attention to one we consider of very great value. That is, to put it in plain English, the farmer has to pay over a third more for what he buys than he can get for what he sells. Mr. Calliham said until his selling power equalled his buying power the farmer would continue in hard luck.

All the above exercises were spiced with fine music. Several numbers by the institute glee club, solo by Miss Hazel Andrews and a solo by Miss Dannie Pegues and fine music by the institute orchestra that charmed everybody during the banquet.

We are greatly indebted to Senator Blue for his presence and that wonderful address and Mr. Calliham for his fine contribution to our farmers banquet. We closed Thursday night with one of the finest concerts by the A. & T. college orchestra from Greensboro ever rendered in our school auditorium. Our institute orchestra assisted by request and was highly praised by the members of the A. & T. orchestra and the director. Thus came to a close one of the finest occasions ever held of this nature in Laurinburg Institute.

JOHN D. WRAY,
Teacher Vocational Agriculture,
Laurinburg.

Troy, N. C. Herald
February 22, 1934

NEGRO FARMERS CONVENTION

On Saturday Feb. 14. the leading negroes of Montgomery county met at Peabody Academy for their seventh annual conference. The purpose of the conference was to stimulate greater interest in all agricultural activities among farmers in Montgomery county

Below is a line up of the programa that was carried out. At ten o'clock invocation by Rev. G. C. Bowden. A general farm survey was given by E. D. Sincltir, agricultural teacher at Peabody Academy.

The general theme for discussion was the expanding federal farm relief plan. The speakers were: Mr. G. C. Bowden, Edwards School, Mr. C. B. Greene, Dry Creek. Mr. J. H. Blue, Candor, Miss Ruth Mitchell Peabody Academy. Prof. D. H. Crutcher, Dairyman at A. & T. College, Greensboro. Mr. Wilson Rush Troy, and Lolar Ewing, Peabody Academy. Rev. O. F. Barnhill Mt. Gilead School, Mrs. O. F. Barnhill sang.

The conference was considered the best that has been since its origin. Greater interest is shown each year which helps to make it a success.

In four sections of this county, evening classes in vocational agriculture have been organized and is estimated that a great good will be done by these gruops working with thei ragricultural instructor.

GREENSBORO, N. C. NEWS

FEB 10 1934

NEGRO FARMERS HAVE 3D 'OUTLOOK MEETING

Approximately 60 Men and Women Hear Addresses At A. and T. College.

'NEW DEAL" DISCUSSED

Approximately 60 men and women negro farmers of Guilford county gathered at A. and T. college yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock for their third annual "outlook meeting." W. B. Harrison, local agent, and A. M. Murray, home demonstration agent, were in charge of the meeting.

The farmers were welcomed to the college by the president, Dr. F. D. Bluford, who encouraged them to follow the AAA program to the letter. He also advised the farmers to use every opportunity to better prepare themselves for the future.

Dazelle F. Lowe, district home demonstration agent for negroes, made an address in which she called attention of the group to the changed program. She pointed out how the general program of the farmers depended in a large measure upon the work of the women. The nation's hope largely rests on the home, she asserted, adding that "we are realizing more and more that the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

The speaker stated that the readjustment program should mean homes with comfort, ample food, clothing and other needs properly supplied. In spite of the long hard year just past no farm people have suffered for food, and much of the credit goes to the work of the special leaders who had much to do with the canning of more than 11,000,000 cans of food in 1933, she asserted. She paid special tribute to the work that has been done in Wake county by six leaders largely trained in the 4-H club organizations who canned over 52,000 quarts of food. If this food was sold at market prices over $7,000 would be realized. In conclusion she encouraged the farmers to purchase a few pieces of new equipment for the home so that real comfort and convenience may be had in the home.

John W. Mitchell, district farm agent, outlined the stand taken by President Roosevelt with reference to the forgotten man and traced the conditions of the farmer before the "new deal" and after. The farmer's faith, he asserted, compared favorably with the faith of Abraham, who offered up his own son. To plow up cotton in which time and money had been invested called for real faith, he said, but added that the farmers had been well paid for the work done. He said the "new deal" made provisions for the tenant farmer as long as he did his part.

Mitchell asserted that the farmers should look forward to the day when the philosophy of Grady comes true: "When each farmer shall have bread from his field, meat from his pasture, no debts pending, gardens to meet his fullest needs and cotton as a single cash crop, then the new day in farming will be realized."

The farmers enjoyed a barbecue dinner served by the college at 1:30 o'clock.

Greensboro, N. C., News
April 11, 1934

NEGRO FARM GROUP OPENS SESSION TODAY

New North State Farmers Will Hold Annual Conference At A. and T.

EXPECT 200 DELEGATES

New North State farmers, an organization of negro vocational agricultural students, will open its seventh annual conference at A. and T. college at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon and will continue through Friday. Around 200 delegates from 32 chapters are to be in attendance.

This afternoon's program will consist mainly of registration and four group preliminary public speaking contests. The four winning in the elimination contest will compete for state honors Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock in Dudley auditorium on the college campus. For these contests more than 1,000 high school boys have written essays on "The New Deal as Related to Agriculture." The public is invited to hear the finals Thursday night.

Thursday the young farmers will conduct their annual crops and livestock judging contest. Most of the judging this year will take place at one of the Guilford county farms. Competition is always keen in these contests, Palmer Memorial institute being the only school which has won highest honors two successive years. Henderson institute, which won first place last year in both state and sectional contests, is back bent on repeating.

One of the chief new features added to this year's program is the exhibition which is to be placed in the windows of the Guilford county welfare building, formerly the Rustin-Johnson building, at Greene and Gaston streets. This exhibit is designed to show how the agriculture students are helping needy farmers throughout the state by repairing their farm tools and making useful articles for the home. In addition there will be an exhibit of some of the pure seeds grown by members of the organization, which is doing much to introduce the use of certified seeds on negro farms throughout the state.

Friday's program will be devoted strictly to business, mainly hearing committee reports, electing officers for the next year, conferring the Modern Farm degree on members who have done outstanding work and announcing prize winners in the different contests.

S. B. Simmons, supervisor of negro vocational agriculture for the state is actively sponsoring the conference.

[illegible] N. C., News
July 26, 1934

NEW FARMERS PLAN FOR ANNUAL MEET

Negro Vocational Agricultural Students Will Gather August 5 At Bowie, Md.

New Farmers of America, a national organization of negro vocational agricultural pupils, will hold their annual meeting and judging contest at Bowie, Md., August 5 through 9, S. B. Simmons, executive secretary of the group, announced here yesterday.

Students attending this meeting will come from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. Secretary Simmons, who is also supervisor of negro vocational agriculture in this state with headquarters at A. and T. college, estimates on the basis of early reports that there will be about 125 in attendance.

Vocational students of the state of Maryland will entertain the delegates at the state normal school at Bowie. Prof. James Diggs, of Upper Marlboro, Md., and Prof. J. H. Thomas, advisor of farm boys with headquarters at Virginia State college, Petersburg, have planned a full and interesting program for the four days.

The first session will be August 5. August 6 the delegates will tour points of interest in Washington. August 7 the judging contest will take place on the United States Livestock Experiment farm at Beltsville, Md. The annual public speaking contest will be conducted the same evening at the state normal. Much interest is displayed in these contests. Last year the North Carolina team won first honors in the judging contest and South Carolina won the public speaking contest.

Greensboro, N. C., News
August 31, 1934

NEGRO FARM MEETING DRAWS LARGE CROWD

About 500 Hear Addresses and Witness Contests On B. S. Watkins' Farm.

IS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT

About 500 negro farmers, representative of all sections of Guilford county and part of Alamance, gathered at the B. S. Watkins farm, near Sedalia, yesterday for an all-day meeting and picnic. The program included several talks on farm topics and a number of contests. The main purpose of the gathering was to acquaint the farmers with better methods in forestry and growing crops. The meeting was so successful that it is planned to make it an annual affair, W. B. Harrison, negro farm agent, told the Daily News last night.

Speakers included V. A. Iseley, who lives in the community where the meeting was held and who discussed his success in growing corn after lespedeza; H. E. Sutton, vocational teacher at Palmer Memorial institute, who talked on lespedeza as a money crop; John W. Mitchell, district farm agent, who urged his hearers to think for themselves, live respectable lives in the community, and gain confidence; George Sockwell, prominent Guilford farmer, who talked on tobacco selling, and R. W. Graeber, state extension forester, who talked on the theme of forestry.

Mr. Graeber told his audience how to make the home more beautiful by use of shrubbery. He also gave a demonstration on selecting timber and how to tell the age of a tree.

It was announced at the meeting that during the past month Guilford county farmers, with the cooperation of Forester Graeber and Agent Harrison, had shipped $267 worth of pulpwood.

Results of the various contests provided for the recreation and amusement of those present were as follows: Wood chopping—First prize, Eugene Wallington; second, Walter Donnell. 100-yard dash—First prize, Dester Chavis; second, Napoleon Marton. Broad jump—First prize, Eugene Wallington; second, Lester Chavis. Sack race—First prize, Eugene Wallington; second, Walter Donnell. Watermelon eating—First prize, Roosevelt Crite; second, Clifford Williams. Wife-calling—First prize, Isaac Tonkins; second, Charlie Cooke. Husband calling—First prize, Anna Gana; second, Julia Cooke; third, Laura Herbin.

Activities started at 10 o'clock in the morning and did not end until 6 in the evening. Picnic dinner was spread near the middle of the day. The speakers and other visitors were served by the women of the community.

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South Carolina

Bamberg, S. C., Herald
February 8, 1934

Farmers' Conference At Voorhees School

On Wednesday, January 31st, the Bamberg farmers' conference met at Voorhees school. J. E. Blanton, president of the conference, presided. The main speaker was J. B. Pierce, agent for extension work for the United States government, headquarters at Hampton institute, Hampton, Virginia.

Wallace Battle, of the American Church Institute for Negroes, also spoke. Farmers from seven counties were present. One interesting feature of this conference was the bacon curing exhibit. Three prizes were given for the best samples of meat. Other visitors of prominence at the conference were: J. E. Dixon, farm demonstration agent from Columbia; Harry Daniels, state agent for South Carolina, and George Daniels, president of the Orangeburg county fair. Several prominent white people also visited during the day. A barbecue was served on the athletic field at one o'clock.

At the close of the session, Principal Blanton made the first public announcement about the Voorhees school being recently rated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This announcement brought great applause. "There are four schools so rated in South Carolina," he said, "Voorhees was very glad to be one of them." The American Church institute quintet has been in New Hampshire and New Jersey for the last three weeks with Principal Blanton, in an active campaign for money raising. They are now at Voorhees and will leave February 8th for points in Florida for a campaign lasting twelve days.

Anderson, S. C., Mail
March 20, 1934

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET ON SATURDAY

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Anderson, S. C., Independent Tribune
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Columbia, S. C. Record
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HEAR OF CREDIT

More than 500 negro farmers of Richland county, meeting in the courthouse here at noon today heard Dr. H. A. Hunt, an assistant to the governor of the farm credit administration, Washington, outline the entire set-up of the federa government for farm relief, including the FCA, the seed-loan, cotton and corn-hog reduction contracts and other branches.

In speaking of the new farm credit bank, Doctor Hunt old the negroes that farmers must buy a least one share in the bank to participate in it, receive funds from it or use it in any way. The price of each share is $5 and it entitles the holder to one vote as to the administration of the bank. No more than one vote will be allotted any person, no matter how many shares he may buy.

This farm credit bank will be the future banking set up for the entire farming industry, Doctor Hunt said. The bank for negro farmers will be a branch of the bank for whites, but will be operated in South Carolina as an entirely separate agency.

J. E. Dickson, Richland county colored agricultural agent, in charge of the meeting, spoke on the work that was being done in the county through the 32 adult and junior farm clubs that he has established in an effort to start a "live at home" program among the negroes. The aim for the negroes, he said, was to grow enough food stuff to feed the families and the cattle, to live at home and to have cotton as the cash crop.

Dickson was assisted in the meeting by H. E. Daniel, state agricultural agent for negroes and M. B. Paul, state home agent for negroes.

Columbia, S. C. State
March 22, 1934

Negro Farmers Hear Of Goverment Help

Between 500 and 600 Negro farmers of Richland and adjoining counties attended a meeting in the courthouse here at noon Wednesday and heard Dr. H. A. Hunt, special agent from the office of the farm credit administration, Washington, speak on the farm credit set up.

Doctor Hunt spoke at length on the operation of the production credit associations. He said that while the associations were set up to help the farmers secure loans to make their crops, the farmers would have to qualify under the rules before their loans could be approved by the association. These production banks, he said are going to be permanent institutions for the farmers' use in securing loans. He said the Columbia Crop Production association would serve all the farmers in this section and there would not be any need for another. He admonished the farmer to use the services offered by the agricultural extension service, to be thrifty, pay his debts, have confidence in his fellowman and above have confidence in himself.

The meeting was under the direction of J. E. Dickson, county farm agent for Negro farmers of Richland. He was assisted by H. E. Daniels, state agent for Negro work, and M. B. Paul, state Negro home agent.

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Nashville, Tenn. Banner
March 21, 1934

Institute for Negroes Held

Springfield, Tenn., March 21—(Special)—Representatives of the State Department of Education, W. E. Turner and Henry Clay, with three assistants, conducted a one-day farmers' institute for Negroes Saturday at the Bransford High School. Approximately 400 Negro farmers and their wives attended the institute. Among the speakers were: W. J. Hale, president of the State A. and I. Normal; W. E. Turner, state agent, division of Negro schools; C. F. Fisher, superintendent of county schools; Judge Byrom Johnson, Commissioner of City Schools Joe H. Calloway, and Superintendent of City Schools Wilbur S. Young. Mrs. B. H. Morrell, acting principal, and Henry Clay of the State Department of Education, were thanked for the splendid program arranged.

Camden, Tenn., Chronicle
July 20, 1934

Large Attendance Expected At Farm Institute

Jackson, Tenn., — Farmers and farm homemakers in large numbers from all sections of West Tennessee are expected here for annual Farmers' and Homemakers' Institute July 25-26 - Negro Day, July 27.

H. P. Tigrett, Dyer County, is president of the Farm Section and Mrs. H. H. Tatlock, Tipton County, is president of the Homemakers' Section for which a special program has been arranged. The homemakers will hold separate sessions each morning.

Friday, July 27 will be Negro Day. Interesting programs have been arranged for both morning and afternoon sessions.